

**REMARKS**

The objection to Claim 1 and the rejection thereof under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, are deemed addressed with the foregoing amendments to that claim. Reconsideration is thus requested.

The rejections of Claims 1 and 2 as being anticipated by Hsieh under 35 USC §102(b) or, in the alternative, as obvious over Hsieh under 35 USC §103(a), and of Claim 3 as being obvious over Hsieh in view of Chou or Nguyen et al. under 35 USC §103(a) are traversed. Reconsideration of each rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicant directs his attention herein to the Hsieh patent that is common to each rejection. The Office Action says nothing at all, however, as to where the Hsieh patent teaches or even suggests a needle base which has a disc-like body forming a housing for fluid collection. For this reason alone, the rejections under 35 USC §102 and/or §103 cannot be sustained.

Applicant would further point out that the member 22 in the Hsieh tool is not a threaded bolt. It is described as an intermediate section of a transmission shaft 2 which also includes front and rear sections 21, 23. The front section 22 is connected to the intermediate section 22 by insertion of an elastic piece 211. Merely calling a part with the name "threaded bolt" does not make it so anymore

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than calling shoes a "hat." The latter is still designed to be worn on the feet and not the head.

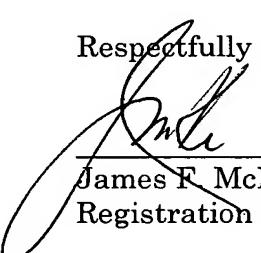
Accordingly, early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #100910.53239US).

Respectfully submitted,

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